Mr. J. W. Marten—
Franklin Idaho
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Franklin, Idaho.
May 10th 1880.

Mrs. F. E. A. Haines

Dear Madam,

Your request
the 28 ult. is at hand and contents
noted. Would say in reply that
the work is becoming more interesting
every day at this field, and
for one very prominent reason
viz: the new house for school and
church purposes, which was begun
last fall, and which when nearly
ready for the plasterers, was blown
over, thus throwing us out of the use
of the house as it was intended
to be completed by the Holidays,
is now going up again.

The house had been left lying
so long, partly because of the very

severe winter, and partly for want of means, that the more radical Mormons were placing themselves with the thought that it would be an entire failure, and that this year would end our Missionary School in Franklin.

Since the work on the new home has resumed, the Mormon leaders have become somewhat crestfallen while the more liberal and disaffiliated ones, are jubilant.

We know of one family already Mormon apostates, who talk of joining our church as soon as the new house is completed. They can become members of Rev. Mr. Parks' church at Logan, Utah, and then help build up an organization here before long, it is hoped.

Thus far we have been laboring under quite a disadvantage, in

not having a house suitable either for the school or to have preaching in. We think our school will be greatly benefitted and increased, by getting in to more permanent quarters.

I know not what else to write of interest now, but would gladly answer any inquiries made concerning our work here.

Very truly yours

J. H. Martin

Teacher.